(c) the details regarding action for revival;

(d) the details regarding action for finally deciding on closure of the deal; and

(e) the funds invested on joint venture project by RCF so far?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU) : (a) to (d) Approval for setting up of an ammonia-urea project in Oman in joint venture with Oman Oil Company was accorded by the Government of India in December 1997. On account of the subsequent sharp decline in urea prices in the international market, it became necessary to revise and restructure the project. The revised and restructured project proposal is being processed for obtaining the approval of the competent authority.

H. E. Maqbool bin Ali bin Sultan, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Sultanate of Oman visited India to attend the 3rd Session of Indo-Oman Joint Commission meeting held in New Delhi during 27-28 April 2000. The project was discussed during the visit.

(e) An amount of Rs. 15.25 crore has so far been spent by RCF in connection with the Indo Oman Joint Venture Project.

Discounts by Bulk Drug Units due to Dumping

* 570. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express, New Delhi, dated 19th Oct., 1999, under the caption "Dumping drives bulk-drug units to heavy discounts"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of applications filed with the and recommendations of the Anti-dumping Directorate, anti-dumping duties have been levied in

appropriate cases. The currently applicable anti-dumping duties in some of the cases are as follows :

S. No. Item	Country of Origin	Duty levied (Rs.)
1. Isobutyl Benzene (IBB)	China	12,465/MT
2. 3,4,5 Trimethoxy Benzaldehyde (TMBA)	China	207/Kg.
3. Theophylline	China	562.55/Kg.
4. Caffeine	China	594.50/Kg.
5. 8-Hydroxy Quinoline	China	183-206/Kg.
6. Vitamin C	Japan and	27.59/Kg.
	China	61.96/Kg.
. 7. Lovastatin	China	Difference between 1,91,869/Kg. and landed value

It would be seen from the above that on Vitamin C, there is already an anti-dumping duty on imports from Japan and China. Further investigations are on for levy of anti-dumping duty on imports from Russia and the European Union. Complaints of dumping with respect to other drugs mentioned in the news-item are not presently being investigated by the Anti Dumping Directorate.

Losses to fertilizer makers due to dumping

*571. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA :

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the "Business Standard" dated 1st April, 2000, under the caption, "Fertilizer makers may incur losses due to dumping", and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction to the concern expressed by the manufacturers of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in the country?